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In addition the bill includes historic funding for higher education, veterans health care and the continued efforts in Afghanistan. The legislation however, does not include funding for the on going war in Iraq.

DeFazio had requested funding for the following programs in Linn and Benton Counties that received financial support within the Omnibus legislation:

- Linn Benton Community College received \$526,000 to purchase equipment for its new science lab
- The Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute received the following funding:
 - \$2,500,000 to research miniature tactical energy systems
 - \$3,200,000 to research safer nano-material and nano-manufacturing for the Air force
 - \$2,000,000 to research safer nano-material and nano-manufacturing for the Navy